

# CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

## FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2009

1:30 P.M.

One Constitution Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut

## MINUTES

- Present:** Chairman Michael Price, Nicholas Bellantoni, Charles Bunnell, Carolyn Cicchetti, Arthur Diedrick, Philip Eliasoph, Anne Elvgren, Sandra Evoy, Walter Fiederowicz, Bruce Fraser, Betty Hale, Daniel Heffernan, Helen Higgins, Herbert Jay, Ed McKeon, Paul Pozzi, Clem Roy, Rita Schmidt, Ann E. Sheffer, Will K. Wilkins, Walter Woodward, and Ted Yudain
- Absent:** John Hollander, Harvey Hubbell V., Fritz Jellinghaus, Greg Johnson, Ed Marcus, Larry McHugh, Guy Ortoleva, and Leo Redgate
- Staff & Guests** David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, Rhonda Olisky, George Norfleet, Karen Senich and An-Ming Truxes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the full Commission was held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A motion made by Anne Elvgren, second by Ann Sheffer the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism approved the minutes for the March 2, 2009 meeting as amended. Correction – Herbert Jay in attendance. (Y-18, N-O)*

### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Michael Price Reporting

The Chairman reported that we are monitoring the budget and legislation issues.

A discussion was held with Chairman Price, Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, Dr. Walter Woodward, and Karen Senich regarding the importance of a history committee to enhance the Commission and its mission. Any Commissioner interested in becoming a member of the history committee, please notify Leigh Johnson.

The state museums are officially opened for the season. Old New Gate Prison will see at least 1,000 students in the next month.

### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Karen Senich Reporting

#### *Prudence Crandall Film*

In 2005, legislative session CCT received a \$50,000 grant from OPM to produce a film on Prudence Crandall. The film production is completed and will be featured at the Township Hall in Canterbury on May 30, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. All Commissioners are invited to attend the event.

#### *Legislative Update*

The legislative session is still ongoing.

#### *National Endowments for the Arts*

The Commission received \$306,100 in stimulus funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. These

funds are for organizations who have received operating support, local arts agency support and/or legislatively directed funding for arts organizations within the three of the last four years. Grant deadline is May 15, 2009.

#### ***Staycation Program***

The Commission is working with the Governor's office on the Staycation program this year. The Staycation program will be integrated in the agency's instate marketing efforts making it a well coordinated effort this year.

#### ***Governor's Awards***

The Governor's Awards ceremony was well attended. Plants were donated by the Department of Agriculture, food for the reception was donated by the Hartford Restaurant Group, and the staff did an excellent job in running the event.

### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. *On motion by Ted Yudain, second by Rita Schmidt the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism approves Susan Classen-Sullivan as a member of the Connecticut Artist Collection Advisory Board.* (Y-18, N-0)
- B. *On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Anne Elvgren the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism approves a grant for the Town of Putnam for phase one of a Regional Cultural Assessment project in the amount of \$6,000 with a \$6,000 match from the Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments.* (Y-17, N-0, Recusing - Commissioner Hale)
- C. *On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Carolyn Cicchetti the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism approves seven grants totaling \$139,200 for the Arts Division's Underserved Youth and Early Learning programs for FY 09. Project activities will take place between May 2009 and June 2010.* (Y-18, N-0)
- D. *On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Ted Yudain the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism approves five Strategic Initiative Grants: Connecticut Humanities Council in the amount of \$150,00 for "Best Practices" Resource Center and Field Service Collaboration; CT Public Broadcasting in the amount of \$200,000 for All Things Connecticut and 1/2 hour segment on the Moderns hosted by Diane Smith; The Bushnell in the amount of \$45,000 for Capitol District Vision Plan and iQuilt: Hartford's Pathways of Innovation; Beardsley Zoo in the amount of \$50,000 Country Fair at the Zoo; and Sea Research Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 for Connecticut Conference on Tourism.* (Y-13, N-0, Abstaining – Commissioners Fraser, Woodward, Fiederowicz for CT Humanities Council, Diedrick and Roy for CPTV)

### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning Update – AMS Presentation

AMS gave a status update on the strategic planning project. The report has been incorporated into the minutes.

### **VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – a motion to adjourn was made, and so moved. All were in favor.

### **VIII. NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING** – Monday, June 8, 2009, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

**Future Actions**

- None at this time.

**Tabled Items**

- None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary